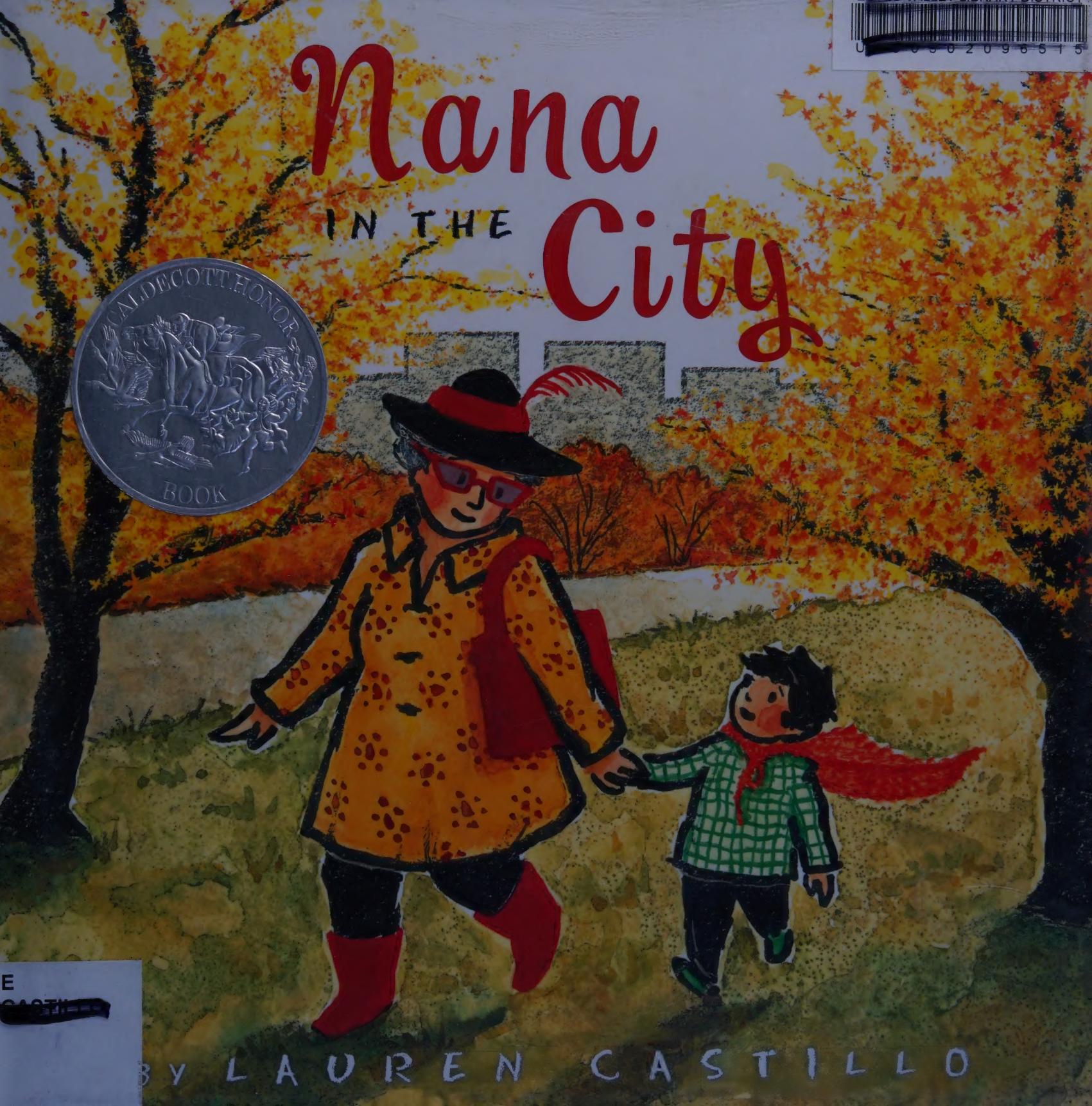
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at her new home in the city.
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and loud
and filled with scary things.
But a special gift from Nana
makes the boy feel brave
and transforms the city
into something . . . extraordinary.

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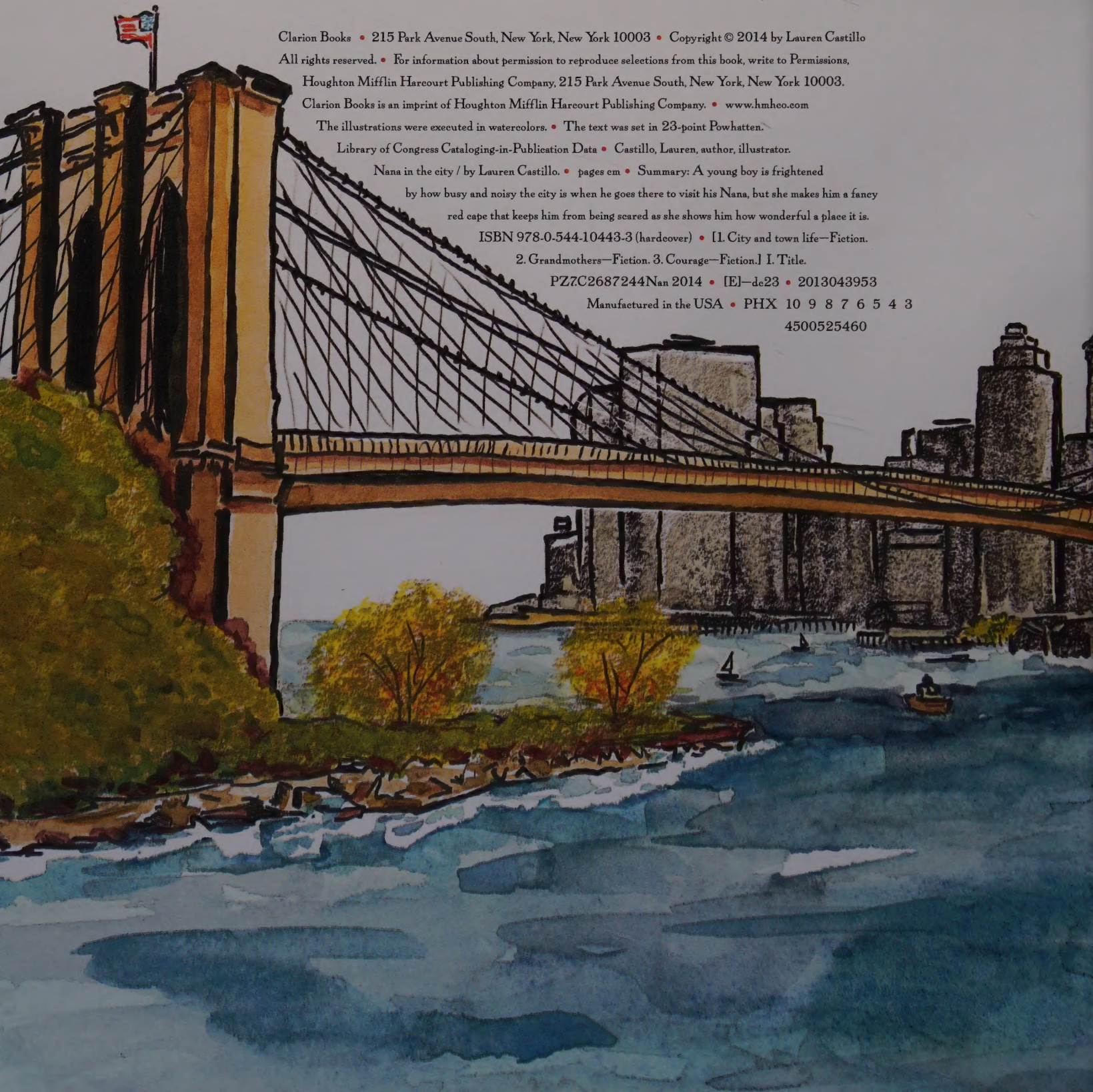

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For Nannie, Frances, Great-Aunt Virginia,
and city-livin' nanas everywhere

TAXI
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I went to stay with Nana at her new apartment in the city.

I love my nana,

but I don't love the city.

The city is busy.

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The city is loud.

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The city is filled with scary things.

It is no place for a nana to live.

But Nana says the city is wonderful—

bustling,

booming,

and extraordinary.

She says it is the perfect place for a nana to live.

At night, the room rumbles and shakes.

There is no sleeping here. . . .

"Nana, aren't you afraid in the city?
It is busy, loud, and filled with scary things."

Nana gave me a kiss.

Tucked my blanket in nice and tight.

"Tomorrow," she said, "I will show you how wonderful the city is."

When I woke up in the morning, Nana was holding a fancy red cape.

"For you to wear on our walk today," she said.
"You'll see that the city is not scary at all."

I felt

brave

in my cape.

We got ready and left the apartment.

The city *was* busy.

The city *was* loud.

But Nana was right. The city
was not filled with scary things. . . .

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The city was filled with
extraordinary
things!

There is so much for a nana to do in this city!

When it was time to leave, I wrapped Nana in my cape.
"This will keep you brave," I tell her.

The city is busy, the city is loud, and it is the absolute perfect place for a nana to live.

And for me to visit!

LAUREN CASTILLO has illustrated many picture books, including *The Troublemaker* and *Melvin and the Boy*, both of which she also wrote. Like Nana, Lauren lives in an apartment in the city, where she can often be found working in her studio (sometimes wearing a red cape), making books for children. Read more about Lauren at www.laurencastillo.com.

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